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Governor Frear's public-land commission scheme made up of volunteers is a good one—provided the commission is made up of men of action and at least one or two outside "the same old gang."

The question of immigration to Hawaii will be settled by Congress and not by any Department.—Advertiser.

This is a partial truth. The Department can help materially, as it is now doing. Congress, of course, is the final authority, and it is to be regretted that there should exist in these islands enemies of the Common Good who are so misrepresenting the European-immigration proposals for Hawaii as to furnish material that will be used to injure the cause of the Territory in Congress and supply ammunition for our enemies.

EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS WILL AMERICANIZE HAWAII.

We believe that the process of Americanizing Hawaii will be materially aided by the European immigrants. We know it.

The European immigrant has been the basis of the great progress of the mainland—that's America—and we see no reason why he should suddenly have lost his value when the proposal is made to bring him to Hawaii.

He has been a farmer from Maine to California. We don't see why he should become a cockroach and a verminous bug when he steps foot in the Territory of Hawaii.

The fact of the matter is that the European of the Latin race has already proved himself in the Territory of Hawaii. You don't find many better Americans or brighter young men and women than the young Portuguese of this Territory. The old ones were of good stock and needed only opportunity to become home-builders.

The Portuguese-Americans of the Islands are a splendid living refutation of the charge made by the enemy of European immigration that a body politic of such men as made and sustained the American Republic "cannot be had from Italy or Spain or Portugal; it must be drawn from an English-speaking American base."

The high character of the Portuguese who have come to these Islands and the Portuguese who have populated large sections of the mainland is so well known and so widely recognized that the sneer of the morning paper is a gratuitous insult.

But what of the Americanizing process?

These European immigrants which Hawaii is going after and will certainly get do not in any way interfere with the prospective farmer of the blue-blood class. Why, then, should the European immigrant be condemned and insulted?

History has proved it to be a fact that if there are ten thousand or one hundred thousand European immigrants employed on the sugar plantations of the Territory, the American merchant, the American manufacturer, the American professional man, and the American middleman, and the American mechanic will find a more profitable and a more hopeful outlook in the Territory of Hawaii than he does today. It is not true that an American middle-class population can be built up speedily under such a "farming" proposition as exists, for instance, at Wahiawa, that ideal of those sneering at the European.

If it were true that population character is not determined by the hewers of wood and drawers of water, the Promotion Committee would be urging the merchant, the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker of the mainland to come to the Islands and set up stores in Fort Street to help Americanize the Islands. Development does not move from the top to the bottom.

Permanent American improvement must begin with the main industry of every section. If you are hoping to build up the citizenship you must of necessity have a fair share of people in your midst who are available for citizenship under the law of the country. These truths are so self-evident, have been proved so pointedly in

these Islands, and are recognized so generally the world over, and especially in our own country, that the tenacity with which some people in this city cling to the campaign of slops for the European immigrant is fast approaching the ridiculous.

The one- and two-acre homestead proposition enables the immigrant to obtain a start. He has a headquarters from which he may prove himself and watch for opportunities. If he proves a successful cane-planter, he and the plantation will sooner or later find it profitable to enter into planting contracts and the plantation men will find it to their profit to give him a larger homestead. The development will be toward the American plan—not away from it, as has been the case for so many years.

As for the character of the Italians and the Spaniards, we know that what few Spanish immigrants have come to the Islands are desirable people.

We know that the Italian has had a reputation for being a cut-throat, and while there are cut-throats among the people of Italy, the Italian immigrant is today one of the most eagerly sought workers in the agricultural sections of the mainland. Secretary Garfield is authority for this, if general report is not sufficient to satisfy the doubters and the sneers.

These people "vivify and fructify" American institutions on the mainland. Why should they not do the same in Hawaii?

The upshot of it is that the enemies of the European immigrant here in Hawaii have not a leg to stand on.



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for their campaign of abuse and misrepresentation. The fact that Secretary Garfield said so may make it more impressive to some people, but even his opinion does not change the indelible fact that Hawaii's American future is largely wrapped up in the European immigrant, and as he comes in increasing numbers the development of the Territory on American lines will be the more rapid.

PROGRAM OF PROGRESS.

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Judge Hookano of Ewa will endeavor to send up first-class pineapples and bananas, while Judge Mahaula of Wailanae will not lose the opportunity to send up some novel hookupus which are typically Hawaiian.

Judging from the general spirit of the Judges, it is apparent that the Commissary Committee, under which the hookupus are to be handled, will be successful in its work. The other Island District Magistrates are yet to be heard from.

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HAWAII'S DELEGATES

The effort to secure a reduced representation of delegates to National Republican conventions again has failed, says the Chicago Daily News. By a vote of 24 to 17, the committee on rules today rejected the Burke resolution providing for such reduction, and also, by practically the same vote, tabled the Parsons substitute. Representative Burke and his sixteen supporters announced that they would file a minority report.

The decision was also reached by the committee that there should be no change in the representation from the Territories—Alaska, the District of Columbia and the insular possessions. An effort to reduce the number of delegates from New Mexico, Arizona and Hawaii from six to two failed by a decisive vote. The others, as heretofore, will be entitled to two delegates each.

The important question of what method should be pursued in electing the delegates was settled by giving authority to the national committee to determine in each case whether the electors shall be by primaries or by conventions.

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